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HASEBE et al.

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Examiner: BARRON JR., G. (EXPECTED)

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For: AN ELECTRONIC DATA PROTECTION SYSTEM

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In consideration of applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and 37 C.F.R. §1.97, applicants wish to bring to the Examiner's attention the documents cited in the parent application, U.S. Patent No. 5,796,824, issued August 18, 1998, which are listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), copies of these documents are not provided.

In particular, applicants would like to bring specific attention to three of the references cited in the parent application:

a) Santon et al. (5,058,162) cited against the related parent application now granted as U.S. Patent 5,392,351.

The feature of Santon et al. is that a media edition identifier information is stored in a storage media together with encrypted files.

The media edition identifier information is related to a password. The password is distributed, separately from the media edition identifier information, from a software distributor to a user.

Thus, a decryption of a storage media cannot be achieved if the storage media contains the media edition identifier information which does not agree with the password.

b) Brotby (4,785,361) cited against both the related divisional application now granted U.S. Patent 5,555,304 and the related application of U.S. Patent 5,796,824 to be reissued.

The feature of Brotby is that fingerprint information is written at a location of a storage media on which a user apparatus cannot write any information.

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If a certain value is read out, when using a storage media, as the fingerprint information, it is determined that unauthorized storage media is used and the data cannot be read out therefrom.

c) Yamagishi (5,379,433) cited against the related application now granted as U.S. Patent 5,796,824 to be reissued.

The feature of Yamagishi is that a specific identification code is recorded on a storage media at a location where a user cannot rewrite data recorded thereat.

On the other hand, a predetermined ID code is recorded in a program stored in the storage media.

If it is determined that, when using the storage media, the read-out predetermined ID code does not match the read-out specific identification code, the computer stops execution of the above program.

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